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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed on August 13, 2002 (the "Office action"), having a period of response extending through and including September 13, 2002.

The Office action indicates that claims 1-48 are subject to a restriction or election requirement. As indicated on page 2 of the Office action it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to seven distinct inventions:

- Group I - Claims 1-19, drawn to a method of transporting;
- Group II - Claim 20, drawn to a combination method of transporting and unloading;
- Group III - Claim 21, drawn to a combination method of transporting, uncoupling, and locating on a carrier;

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Group IV - Claims 25-31 and 32, drawn to a transport trailer apparatus;

Group V - Claims 33-39, drawn to a subcombination method of preparing a vehicle for loading;

Group VI - Claims 40-48, drawn to a vehicle transport module; and

Group VII - Claims 22-24, drawn to a combination method of loading, and transport involving trailer lifting/pivoting.

The applicant elects to prosecute the first invention directed to a method of transporting, without traverse. The claims readable thereon are claims 1-19. A preliminary amendment which adds claims 49-54 that depend from claim 1 accompanies this Response.

In the event that the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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